Proposed Claim Amendments for Telephonic Interview

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47.   (Previously added) A method, comprising:

operating a unified messaging system configured to store messages, the system being operatively coupled to a telephone by a public switched telephone network;

sending a first message from the system over the public switched telephone network to the telephone;

receiving a command from the telephone instructing the system to delete all messages that have a trait in common with the first message;

deleting the first message from the system:

determining with the system that a second message in the system has the trait in common with the first message; and

deleting the second message from the system in response to said determining.

48.   (Previously added) The method of claim 47, further comprising:

wherein the system includes an email server;

wherein the second message includes an email message on the email server;

retrieving the second message from the email server before said determining; and

wherein said deleting the second message includes deleting the second message from the email server.

49.   (New) The method of claim 48, wherein the command includes a touch-tone signal.

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50.   (New) A method of deleting email messages sharing a common trait over a public switched telephone network independently of email system capabilities, comprising:

operating a unified messaging system that is operatively coupled to an email server, wherein the unified messaging system is operatively coupled to a telephone by the public switched telephone network;

playing a first message from the unified messaging system over the public switched telephone network on the telephone;

receiving a command from the telephone instructing the unified messaging system to delete all messages that have the common trait with the first message;

deleting the first message;

retrieving a second message from the email server, wherein the second message includes an email;

determining with the system that the second message has the common trait with the first message; and

deleting the second message from the email server in response to said determining without playing the second message.

51.   (New) The method of claim 50, comprising:

determining a third message from the email server does not have the common trait with the first message after said deleting the second message; and

playing the third message on the telephone after said determining the third message from the email server does not have the common trait with the first message.

52.   (New) The method of claim 50, wherein the first message includes a voicemail message.

53.   (New) The method of claim 50, wherein the first message includes an email message.

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54.   (New) A method, comprising:

operating a unified messaging system configured to store messages, the system being operatively coupled to a telephone by a public switched telephone network;

playing a first message with the system over the public switched telephone network on the telephone;

receiving a command from the telephone instructing the system to delete all messages that have a trait in common with the first message;

deleting the first message from the system;

determining with the system that a second message in the system has the trait in common with the first message; and

deleting the second message from the system in response to said determining without playing the second message.

55.   (New) The method of claim 54, wherein:

the second message includes an email message from an email server;

retrieving the second message from the email server with the system; and

said deleting the second message allows the second message to be deleted independently of the capabilities of the email server.

56.   (New) A method, comprising:

playing a first message of many having a common trait over public switched network on a telephone with a unified messaging system;

receiving a command from the telephone to delete all the messages having a common trait on the unified messaging system; and

deleting all remaining messages with the common trait from other messages without the common trait without playing the remaining messages with the common trait.

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